

What is claimed is:

1. An image generation method for generating serial reproduction digital video data wherein still image data sets and/or digital video data sets are reproduced serially, the  
5 image generation method comprising the steps of:

receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in a predetermined recording unit; and

generating the serial reproduction digital video data by  
10 arranging the selected still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in predetermined order.

2. An image generation method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the predetermined recording unit is a folder storing the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

15 3. An image generation method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the predetermined order is determined based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

4. An image generation method as defined in Claim 2,  
20 wherein the predetermined order is determined based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

5. An image generation method as defined in Claim 3, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item  
25 of information comprising the date and time of photography, a

file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

6. An image generation method as defined in Claim 4, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item  
5 of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

7. An image generation apparatus for generating serial reproduction digital video data wherein still image data sets  
10 and/or digital video data sets are reproduced serially, the image generation apparatus comprising:

selection reception means for receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in a predetermined recording unit; and

15 digital video data generation means for generating the serial reproduction digital video data by arranging the selected still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in predetermined order.

8. An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 7,  
20 wherein the predetermined recording unit is a folder storing the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

9. An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein the digital video data generation means determines the predetermined order based on accompanying information attached  
25 to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

10. An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 8, wherein the digital video data generation means determines the predetermined order based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

11. An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

12. An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

13. A program for causing a computer to execute an image generation method for generating serial reproduction digital video data wherein still image data sets and/or digital video data sets are reproduced serially, the program comprising the steps of:

receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in a predetermined recording unit; and

generating the serial reproduction digital video data by arranging the selected still image data sets and/or digital

video data sets in predetermined order.

14. A program as defined in Claim 13, wherein the predetermined recording unit is a folder storing the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

5 15. A program as defined in Claim 13, wherein the step of generating the serial reproduction moving image comprises the step of determining the predetermined order based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

10 16. A program as defined in Claim 14, wherein the step of generating the serial reproduction moving image comprises the step of determining the predetermined order based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

15 17. A program as defined in Claim 15, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

20 18. A program as defined in Claim 16, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.